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Dear Friend,

On Tuesday, I voted for the Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act, legislation that will lower fuel prices and get us on the road to energy independence by increasing domestic supply, investing in alternatives, and ending taxpayer subsidies for big oil companies.

Click [here](#) to watch my speech on the House floor.

For months, I have been hearing from you about the skyrocketing cost of energy. When it comes to lowering gas prices and reducing our dependence on foreign oil, I believe we must put all possible solutions on the table. This comprehensive energy bill does just that.

The Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act responsibly opens up additional areas for oil and gas drilling. It permits leasing between 50 and 100 miles offshore if a state agrees to allow exploration off of their coastline.

It extends several tax incentives for the production of alternative forms of energy including wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal. And it advances the development of carbon capture and sequestration technologies to come up with cleaner ways to use coal.

It pays for these investments in 21st century energy by rolling back tax breaks for big oil companies and requiring them to pay overdue royalties on their leased lands. Big oil should not receive another cent from the federal government. Sending hard earned taxpayer dollars to profit rich oil companies is an insult to the American people, especially at a time of record high gas prices and even higher corporate profits.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 236-189. I hope the Senate and President Bush will soon give their approval so we can reign in high energy costs once and for all.

The time for talk is over. We need action.

For more information on the Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

Phil Hare  
Member of Congress

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